

Roxbury, Aug. 1, 1871.

My dear Wendell:

The letter of Lucy to your mother, and yours to me, announcing her safe arrival home with the dear children, have been read by us with much pleasure. We felt sure that Henry and Charlotte would do their part towards making the Providence visit an agreeable one, brief as it was. It is something to be thankful for that no accident or detention occurred by the way. There seems nothing left for regret, except the house-confinement to which "Phil" subjected ^{Lucy} ~~her~~, by his irrepressible filial preference, during her stay with us. It is comforting to us to believe that we shall be all the better remembered by the children in consequence of their visit. Their tendency to croup excited in us no small amount of solicitude; and we feel greatly relieved to learn that they are as well as usual.

As you have had nothing better than a small card photograph of Mr. Phillips, I have for some time felt desirous that you should possess the one I forwarded to you by express on Friday last, as I think it admirable both as a likeness and as a work of art. The purchase and presentation of it have given me peculiar satisfaction, as I doubt not its ownership will give to you. Taken in 1863, it presents Mr. Phillips in prime condition, and may be hereafter referred to as giving the very best "counterfeit presentment" of himself, as he was wont to appear in his oratorical efforts on the public platform. Of course, he is now somewhat changed, being eight years older; but it is desirable to let those who shall come after us see him before advanced years set their seal upon his features. Preserve this portrait, therefore, with care, and upon its back authenticate its accuracy.

However much cause for regret and surprise you, and I, and others have found in his manner of dealing with men and

things for a good while past, it is not for either of us ever to forget our large indebtedness to him, but rather to avail ourselves of every suitable opportunity to express our grateful appreciation of his friendship and kindness. For more than a quarter of a century he was my eulogist and defender against the fierce assaults that were made upon me from every quarter, and in various ways strengthened my hands and cheered my heart to an extent that it would be difficult for me to describe or measure. There was not a rival of pro-slavery wrath poured upon my head that he was not ready to have upon his own; and he seemed often to go out of his way to bestow upon me the highest encomiums.

Of your indebtedness to him, in the matter of your collegiate education, I need not speak. Whatever you have derived, or may hereafter derive, from that education, you owe to him. It was not in my power, pecuniarily, to give it to you.

Whenever you can conveniently, from time to time, in some form or other indicate to him that, widely as ^{you} may feel obliged to differ from him in regard to opinions and measures, you gratefully remember what he did for you, and your father and mother. Can you send him a photograph of yourself and Lloyd, and of Lucy and Philip to his wife? At the same time you might incidentally state that you had been presented by me with Allen's large and excellent likeness of himself. I only make the suggestion, leaving you to follow it or not as you shall think best. Your mother has entirely recovered from her recent illness, and is looking fair and rosy.

Horry came down from Northampton last evening. He is looking and feeling very unwell, and is very much dispirited as to his future prospects and possibilities. I hardly know what to advise him. Pecuniarily, it will be far easier for him to cover his family expenses in Germany than here.

Your loving Father.